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July 14, 2004

To: All Commenters in D.T.E. 04-1

Re: Third Set of Information Requests

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Enclosed is the third set of information requests by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy regarding the above-captioned matter. Please submit copies of your responses to the appropriate information requests to the Department by 10:00 a.m., July 23, 2004.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (617) 305-3500. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Caroline M. Bulger
Hearing Officer

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cc: Service List
Mary Cottrell, Secretary

THIRD SET OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) hereby submits the following information request(s) regarding D.T.E. 04-1.

Requests

- 3-1 All parties should comment on whether § 12.3.2 of the model Terms and Conditions presently requires LDCs to provide to marketers the baseload and temperature sensitive algorithms used for non-daily metered customers. If your position is that the section does not require LDCs to provide the algorithms, discuss the specific information this section requires the LDCs to provide and whether the model Terms and Conditions should be amended to provide the algorithms. Each LDC should include in its comments the current practice by the LDC on providing the algorithms to marketers.
- 3-2 Some marketers state that modifying the Model Terms and Conditions to require true-ups of actual versus delivered volumes on a monthly basis will encourage more accurate forecasting and lower costs for all participants. In this regard, please:
- (A) discuss whether you agree with the statement;
 - (B) discuss any potential problems to implementing monthly true-ups instead of semi-annual true-ups; and
 - (C) address whether monthly true ups would address or minimize the need to adjust the algorithms for temperature sensitive usage? If not, please discuss how the data could be made more accurate.
- 3-3 Should the Terms and Conditions concerning holiday nomination deadlines be modified to synchronize the nomination schedule over holiday periods with current gas supply industry practice in Massachusetts? Alternatively, does the term “best efforts” by the LDCs as referred to in § 11.3.3 and §12.3.4 of the Terms and Conditions need further definition to standardize the practices among Massachusetts LDCs? Discuss whether a clarification to the Terms and Conditions that equates the LDCs “best efforts” as referred to in § 11.3.3 and §12.3.4 with industry-standard trading and nomination schedules for holidays and weekends would satisfy the marketers’ concerns regarding non-standardization of nomination schedules.